

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** HB0699

**Title:** Provide for voter registration at the polling booth on election day

**Primary Sponsor:** Dowell, T

**Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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## Fiscal Summary

	<b>FY 2004 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2005 Difference</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	\$2,677,800	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	(\$2,677,800)	\$0

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  |

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. All Montana citizens deserve the right to vote in each election.
2. A system to prevent multiple votes from voters, or ineligible voters from casting ballots must be developed.
3. It is assumed that at each polling place there would be a phone line for Internet access, otherwise there would be additional impact to the local governments.
4. Each precinct will be required to have a computer at an approximate cost of \$3,000 per computer. There are 859 precincts for a total cost of \$2,577,000.
5. Software will need to be purchased to allow precincts to connect with the state ensure the voter does not vote in any other precinct. The software will cost \$100,800.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Secretary of State**

	<u>FY 2004</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Equipment	\$2,677,800	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$2,677,800	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$2,677,800)	\$0

**EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:**

The bill as written may require the local governments to spend additional money for which no means of financing are provided. There would also be an additional cost for local governments to store the computers.

**LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:**

It is assumed that the computers would have to be exchanged about every four years at a cost of about \$2.5 million.

**TECHNICAL NOTES:**

1. Less than half of the precincts in our state do not have a telephone line for Internet access.
2. It may not be possible to put in place a statewide system before the 2004 general election